IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

JONATHAN SLOAN,

Plaintiff,

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO.: 5:23-cv-00186

GOOGLE LLC, and ALLIED UNIVERSAL SECURITY SERVICES,

Defendants.

ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE CASES UNDER FRCP 42(A)

THIS MATTER is before the Court on Defendants' Motion to Consolidate Cases under FRCP 42(a), Doc. No. 13. For good cause shown – including that the two cases to be consolidated arise from a single complaint but have been docketed as separate cases only because each Defendant removed the case at a different time – the motion, which is not opposed by Plaintiff, will be granted.

Now, therefore, it is **HEREBY ORDERED** that:

- 1. Defendants' Motion to Consolidate Cases under FRCP 42(a) is **GRANTED**;
- 2. The Clerk of Court is directed to consolidate Matter No. 5:23-cv-00164, styled "Jonathan Sloan v. Google LLC and Allied Universal Security Services," with Matter No. 5:23-cv-00186, styled "Jonathan Sloan v. Google LLC and Allied Universal Security Services";
- 3. Matter No. 5:23-cv-00164 shall be designated as the "Lead Case," and all future documents in these cases shall be filed in said matter. The Clerk of Court is directed to file a copy of this order in both *Jonathan Sloan v. Google LLC and Allied Universal Security Services*, No. 5:23-cv-00164 and *Jonathan Sloan v. Google LLC and Allied Universal Security Services*, No. 5:23-cv-00186; and

The Clerk of Court is directed to administratively close Jonathan Sloan v. Google LLC and 4. Allied Universal Security Services, No. 5:23-cv-00186.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed: January 16, 2024

Kenneth D. Bell

United States District Judge